

HUNS DRIVEN BACK 700 YARDS ON 1500-YARD FRONT IN PICARDY

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Attempt to Approach Advance
Posts in Region of Nieuport
Dispersed.

FIGHT ON BELGIAN FRONT

German Naval Division Protect-
ing Coast Transferred to
Somme.

AMERICANS AT FRONT.

Uncle Sam's Troops Occupy
Sector of Amiens Front
South of Grivesnes.
(International News Service.)
London, May 6.—American
troops are occupying a sector
of the Amiens battle front
south of Grivesnes and west of
Montdidier, according to a
news agency dispatch received
here today.
Grivesnes is four miles north-
west of Montdidier and fifteen
miles southeast of Amiens.
That district faces the south-
western side of the German
salient.

GERMANS LAUNCH GAS ATTACK ON AMERICANS

With the American Army
Forces on the French Front,
May 6.—By the Associated
Press.—The Germans launched
a heavy gas attack against the
American troops on the Picardy
front during the night. Early
in the evening they sent over
15,000 shells composed chiefly
of mustard gas, within a brief
period. These shells were fol-
lowed by an intense artillery fire
at midnight, several hundred
gas shells were dropped into the
American lines.

WEALTHY SAND MOUNTAIN MAN HELD FOR ESPIONAGE

(Associated Press.)
Gadsden, Ala., May 6.—J. D. Mc-
Cleary, formerly postmaster at
Boat for sixteen years, and rated one of
the wealthiest men on Sand mountain,
has been arrested and held under
\$10,000 bond, on charges of violating
the espionage act. It is alleged that
he is responsible for much antiwar
sentiment in that section.
McCleary is charged with saying
that "Germany could not win the
war. I would just as soon live under
the German kaiser as the way we are
living today. I would just as soon
live under the kaiser as under Wood-
row Wilson."

TUMULTUOUS SCENE AT METHODIST CONFERENCE

(Associated Press.)
Atlanta, May 6.—Delegates to
the general conference of the
Methodist Episcopal church, south,
here today, participated in the
most tumultuous demonstration
ever known at such a meeting.
When Maj. C. W. Gordon, of the
Forty-third battalion, Cameron
Highlanders of Canada, predicted
that the war would end on the
western front when 2,000,000 Amer-
ican soldiers were in France.
At the conclusion of Maj. Gordon's
address, the presiding officer, Bishop
E. E. Hoss, declared there were men
present in the conference who had
made a name for themselves as con-
federate soldiers and called upon Revs.
A. J. Lamar, of Tennessee; James C.
Reed, of Virginia; J. O. Wilson, of
South Carolina; T. F. Brewer, of Okla-
homa; and Bishop H. C. Morrison, of
Florida, to stand. Maj. Gordon imme-
diately defied his Highlander cap,
and in the name of the Canadian army
saluted the veterans. Another dem-
onstration took place as the Canadian
officer stood at attention with hand
lifted to his cap.
The committee on Itinerary, in a
majority report, favored the aboli-
tion of the time limit in the past-
ors' election and the revivals recom-
mended concurrence in the memorial
requesting that the ritual be changed
to read "Christ's Holy church" instead
of "Holy Catholic church." Notice was
given that a minority report on the
same subject would be presented.
Resolutions deploring the death at
Pittsburg of Bishop Franklin Ham-
ilton, of the Methodist Episcopal church,
were adopted by a rising vote.

RULES FOR CANDIDATES IN FILING PETITIONS

(Special to The News.)
Nashville, May 6.—A meeting of the
state democratic primary committee
was held at the capitol Monday after-
noon to arrange for the August pri-
mary. Chairman Hill was instructed
to make to each of the county ex-
ecutive committees by May 15 a list
of the candidates who have qualified for
United States senator, governor and
railroad commissioner. The county
committees will use the list in nomi-
nating the county primary boards at
the meetings to be held at every county
seat on May 14.
Resolutions were adopted constraining
the new primary law to require that
each candidate for county primary
board nominated by the county ex-
ecutive committee shall file a petition
signed by twenty-five voters with the state
primary board thirty days before the
primary of Aug. 1, and that petitions do
not have to be filed with each county
board. Candidates for congress and
the state executive committee shall
file such petitions with each county
board in their respective districts.
Similar petitions must be filed with
county boards thirty days before the
primary by candidates for the general
assembly.
The state committee will meet May
23 and confirm the county primary
boards nominated by the county ex-
ecutive committees. The county primary
boards will then meet May 27 and
organize.
John D. Martin, of Memphis, came
before the committee and gave notice
that at the meeting on May 23 he
would ask that "the regularly con-
stituted commissioners of Shelby county"
be recognized. This is the Crump com-
mission.

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FOR UNIVERSAL TRAINING

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 6.—An attempt to
fasten universal military service legis-
lation as a rider on the \$15,000,000,000
army appropriation bill will be made
when the measure comes up for action
in the house next week, it was learned
this afternoon.
An amendment drawn by republican
representatives provides that every
American boy shall spend a total of
twenty-four months in a military camp,
receiving military and tactical training,
before he reaches his majority. Three
months of training would be given in
the nineteenth and three in the twen-
tieth year, with six months' training
in the twenty-first year.
Under this form of compulsory serv-
ice, advocates of the plan said today,
the United States would have 10,000,
000 trained and ready to be called into
active service in any emergency at the
end of ten years.

FOR DRASTIC CHANGES

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 6.—After having
voted to report out the oil leasing bill,
the house public lands committee re-
served itself this afternoon and called
the bill for drastic amendment.
This action followed the move of Rep-
resentative Scott Ferris, chairman of
the committee, in serving that when
the bill reported to the house, it
should be amended to provide for
a minority report, exposing its
shortcomings and would lead a fight
to amend it on the floor.
The bill, which, in his opinion, gave
too great benefits to claimants of pub-
lic lands in the west, whose claims
were still in controversy. His objec-
tions were backed up by three depart-
ments of the government—the depart-
ment of justice, the department of
agriculture and the department of the
interior.

MEN REACHING 21 YEARS SINCE JUNE, 1917, DRAFTED

Washington, May 6.—An agree-
ment on the bill extending the se-
lective draft law to youths at-
taining 21 years of age since June
5, 1917, was reached today by sen-
ators and house conferees. They re-
tained the amendment of Repre-
sentative Hull, of Iowa, providing
that the additional registrants
shall be placed at the bottom of
the eligible lists.

ONE VOTE LACKING TO GET ACTION ON SUFFRAGE BILL

Washington, May 6.—By a mar-
gin of one vote a motion provid-
ing that the senate proceed next
Friday to consider the house
woman suffrage amendment resolu-
tion to amend the constitution
was defeated in the senate today.
The vote was 10 to 21, just less
than the necessary two-thirds.

GOVERNMENT'S PLANS AS TO CONSCRIPTION UNCHANGED

(International News Service.)
London, May 6.—Chancellor A.
Bonar Law was asked in the house
of commons this afternoon whether
the enforcement of military con-
scription in Ireland had been post-
poned. He replied that the inten-
tion of the government is un-
changed.

MAJ. GEN. FARNSWORTH ON WAY TO MONTGOMERY

(International News Service.)
Montgomery, Ala., May 6.—Maj.
Gen. O. O. Farnsworth, national army,
late in command of Camp Lee, Peters-
burg, Va., will arrive Tuesday to take
command of the Thirty-seventh divi-
sion (Ohio national guards), it was
learned today.
He succeeds Gen. Charles G. Treat,
transferred to San Francisco.
Gen. Farnsworth is well known to
many of the Ohio officers.

EFFORT TO SECURE VOTE ON SUFFRAGE THIS WEEK

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 6.—Senator
Jones, of New Mexico, chairman of
the senate woman suffrage com-
mittee, announced today that an effort would be made
today that an effort would be made
to secure a vote in the senate late
this week on the resolution adopted
last winter by the house, propos-
ing a suffrage amendment to the
constitution.

GERMANY SENDS PEACE FEELER TO ENGLAND; WOULD RESTORE BELGIUM

(International News Service.)
London, May 6.—Germany has made her first definite move in the
new peace offensive by sending out a peace feeler to England, consist-
ing of eight terms, two of which promise the renunciation of all Ger-
man claims in the west and the restoration of Belgium.
The peace agent that Germany is said to have sent to London is
commonly supposed to be a former war minister of Holland, said a
Central News dispatch from The Hague.
Advices from the Dutch capital this afternoon outlined the German
terms as follows:
1. Germany renounces all claims in the west.
2. Belgium to be restored to autonomous independence.
3. Alsace-Lorraine to receive autonomy within the German federa-
tion.
4. The status in the east to remain as at present.
5. Austria-Hungary to make concessions to Italy in Trentino.
6. The Balkan questions to be decided at an international confer-
ence.
7. All questions affecting Africa and Asia Minor to be solved.
8. Germany to abandon all claims to Kiaochow but to require cer-
tain economic concessions from China.
There is a disposition in German circles to speak freely of the new
proposals, which, it is reported, have already been made known to the
British foreign office, the dispatches from The Hague added. It is re-
garded as certain that they were inspired from Berlin.
Kiaochow, which Germany promises to give up, was a leasehold on
the Chinese coast. Germany secured a 99-year lease on the tract and
built a strong fort there. The fort was attacked by Japanese and British
forces at the outbreak of the war and it was reduced. The allies
then occupied Kiaochow.

BERLIN REPORTS ALLIES ADVANCE DEFEAT ALLIES ON WIDE FRONT

Anglo-French Attacks on the
Flanders Front Repulsed.
300 Prisoners Taken.

Berlin, Sunday, May 5 (Via Lon-
don).—Repulse of Anglo-French
attacks on the Flanders battle front
is reported in the official announce-
ment by the war office today.
More than 300 prisoners are re-
ported captured in the fighting.
Increased artillery activity south of
the Somme is announced in the state-
ment, which reads:
"After the strongest artillery prepara-
tion French divisions attacked our
positions on Kemmel hill and near
Bailleul unsuccessfully. They were re-
pulsed with heavy losses and left over
300 prisoners in our hands. An in-
tended attack by an English division
of Bailleul failed to develop be-
cause of our fire. South of Hebuterne
(north of the Somme) strong British
thrusts failed. The battle front on
both sides of the Somme saw a revival
of artillery activity in the evening. It
increased especially near Villers-Bre-
tonneux and on the west bank of the
Aire."

WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON GERMAN PEACE DRIVE

Washington, May 6.—Officials
and diplomats here on reading
Germany's purported peace terms
outlined today in dispatches
from London, recalled that British
officials recently predicted a "peace
offensive" and said, furthermore,
that they expected that terms to
be offered in behalf of Germany
would be framed so as to appear
most attractive to Great Britain.
Every peace move made by Germany
since her first offer has been promptly
branded by the allied statesmen as
subtle propaganda to sow dissension
and discord among the allied people,
weaken their resistance and lead to
what has been characterized as a
German-outraged peace.
Foreign Minister Balfour's positive
statement in the house of commons
that no suggestions of peace negotia-
tions had come to Great Britain
through a neutral seemed to put the
situation beyond the realm of serious
consideration.

GERMANS INJECT GAS INTO LETTERS

(Associated Press.)
Paris, April 19.—(Correspondence of
the Associated Press.)—Germans are
credited, in reports received here, with
injecting asphyxiating gas into letters
sent home by prisoners in their camps.
A woman living in the village of La
Siroliere recently was ill for several
days, after opening a letter from a
French prisoner in Germany.
On the same day, it is said, another
woman received a letter also contain-
ing poison gas from her husband, a
captain in Bavaria. Other cases have
been reported.

TO PASS OVER LEGISLATION TO INCREASE POST RATES

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 6.—The senate
postoffice committee today decided
that legislation to suspend or modify
increased second-class postage rates,
which became effective July 1, and
which newspaper publishers have at-
tacked, would not be considered in
connection with the pending postoffice
appropriation bill.

BOLSHEVİK ENVOY CALLS REPORTS OF REVOLT ABSURD

(International News Service.)
London, May 6.—(Correspondence of
the Associated Press.)—Lifshitz, bol-
shevik envoy to England, declared to-
day that the Moscow report of a con-
ter-revolution in northern Russia was
"absurd." He declared that such re-
ports were being circulated for polit-
ical purposes.

PREDICTS SPLIT ON IRISH ROCK

15,000 Hear Anti-Conscription
Speeches by Nationalist and
Sinn Fein Leaders.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 6.—Anti-con-
scription speeches were made from the
same platform by John Dillon, na-
tionalist leader, and Prof. Edward
de Valera, head of the Sinn Fein,
yesterday, at Ballinaghadreen, in
Dillon's constituency of East Mayo.
Good humor and enthusiasm char-
acterized the demonstration, at-
tended by 15,000 persons.
Mr. Dillon said that if the Irish
kept united and determined for an-
other two weeks they would defeat
conscription. He earnestly appealed
for a spirit of frank and friendly co-
operation throughout Ireland. With-
out this unity was impossible.
If the nation's unity was broken in
the face of the present terrific dan-
ger, Mr. Dillon continued, the gov-
ernment would be encouraged to pur-
sue its wicked and insane policy and
the discipline of the people, which is
essential to the defeat of conscription,
would be broken.
Her Rights As a Nation.
The nationalists and Sinn Feiners, he
said, actually agreed that the whole
struggle for Ireland's rights was based
on the principle of her rights as a
nation.
A powerful section of the house of
commons and organized labor of Ire-
land had declared against conscription
in Ireland, Mr. Dillon added, unless
and until the Irish parliament and an
Irish government were established.
These things, combined with united
opposition in Ireland and the action of
the county bishops, had given the gov-
ernment pause, but it would be a dis-
astrous mistake to suppose that dan-
ger had passed. He suggested the
formation of Irish committees at-
tached to every church and chapel so
that in the event of a struggle be-
ing forced upon them, the church
could be the rallying point.
Unite Against Conscription.
The nationalist leader declared he
was convinced it would take an army
such as England could ill spare to
carry out successfully conscription in
Ireland. He was also convinced that
the government would split on the Irish
rock and instead of destroying the
Irish nation, the Irish would destroy
them.
Prof. de Valera said his followers
would unite with those of Mr. Dillon
to defeat conscription.

ENEMY FLIERS EMULATE SOLDIERS' TRICKINESS

Unsportsmanlike Tricks Re-
sorted to to Outwit Amer-
ican Aviators.

(Associated Press.)
With the American Army in
France, Friday, May 3.—German
aviators are now resorting to un-
sportsmanlike tricks in an ef-
fective way to outwit American fliers.
The trickiness of the German sol-
dier is emulated by enemy
airmen, who are marking their
machines to make them look as
much like allied markings as pos-
sible.
The Germans have taken to round-
ing off the corners of the cross on the
wings of their planes to make them
look like allied badges. The game of
the German aviator is to play around,
get a shot if he can and then run.
American fliers for fear of attacking a
probable friend, must get up close to
an enemy machine, usually after con-
siderable maneuvering, before opening
a fight.
Like Mosquitoes in Sky.
Here is what happens at an air-
drone to which Americans are en-
dured when an alarm comes in: The
telephone bell rings at the hangar and
the location of the enemy is reported.
A number of young Americans take
the air quickly, and in less than five
minutes from the time the bell rings
the airplanes look like mosquitoes in
the sky. In three-quarters of an hour
they are back again and compare
notes.
"Did you see anything?" one yells
to another.
"One Hun, away back in Germany,"
comes the reply.
"What were those three machines
north of?" is the next question.
Completing Their Training.
"They looked like French, but you
never know," was the answer to this
particular question.
Then the Americans climb out and
sit around and wait for the end of
their tour of duty or for another alarm.
The American airmen are using the
same machine guns which have been
found most effective by the Anglo-
French army. Some of the Anglo-
French army. Some of the Anglo-
French army are completing their training in flying
formation on patrol in fast chasers,
while others are learning observation
and photograph work.

SHOWERS, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM'

For your dic-
tionary of sim-
iles: Bill said
about as much
attention to him
as a taxi driver
does to a "Don't
park here" sign.

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ALLIED LINE SWINGS OUT TO CONFORM WITH GAINS

Australian Troops Irresistible in Drive on North-
ern Front—Crest of Ridge East and West
of Morlancourt Contested—Affords
Observation of Wide-Valley.

(Associated Press.)
With the British Army in France, May 6.—Operations between
the Somme and Ancre rivers were a continuation of one started
Saturday night southwest of Morlancourt. That time the Aus-
tralians drove in against the enemy and smashed them back 700 yards
along a front of 1,500 yards. Last night's push resulted in the line
further north being swung out to conform with the gains made
Saturday.
Most of the contested positions lay on the crest of a consid-
erable ridge running east and west below Morlancourt. The ridge not
only overlooks that place, but gives observation for a long distance
on the valley of the Ancre and the Somme.
By their two attacks the Australians greatly improved their
situation on this high ground.
This was the only infantry action of importance reported, but
last night the Germans were still working to complete their ar-
rangements for the renewal of their attack and hard fighting will
apparently be under way again very shortly.

FURTHER ATTACKS FROM GERMANS EXPECTED SOON

Activity of Enemy Along Ypres
Sector Possibly a Prelude to
Distract Attention.

On the French Front in France, May
6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The
opinion is virtually unanimous that
further great attacks which the Ger-
man staff must inevitably deliver, if
it intends to hold to the promises made
to the German nation when the offen-
sive was started, must come soon.
The great activity of the enemy
along the Ypres sector is possibly a
prelude to the opening of a new Ger-
man rush there, or is intended to dis-
tract attention from a formidable at-
tack elsewhere. There is, indeed, a
widespread view that the next move
must come from the German armies
concentrated under Gen. Von Below
fronting Arras. Some of its divisions
were borrowed by other German
armies for attacks to the north and
the south, but these have since been
replaced by others and the force gar-
dered there is very powerful.
From Arras, in the unlikely event
of a German success, it could turn either
toward the coast or toward Amiens,
the most likely of these, in his opinion,
the more northerly operation would be
chosen in an attempt to separate the
main French and British forces. The
continued bombardment of Amiens is
possibly merely a blind to cover the
preparation of this scheme.

IF UNITED WILL WIN WAR Von Hindenburg Sends Message to German People.

(Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, May 6.—The last few
months have brought us success
which will materially influence the
world's development in the next few
decades," says a telegram sent by
Emperor William, in reply to an ad-
dress of homage from a convention of
German chambers of commerce. "The
insure our right to a strong peace,
which will open new regions to Ger-
man commerce and give us complete
freedom for the development of our
industries. Our sacrifices of blood and
treasure shall not be made in vain."
Field Marshal Von Hindenburg also
sent a message saying:
"If the German people stand united
a peace will be won which will assure
the prosperity for commerce and in-
dustry."

RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET CAPTURED

Former German Cruiser Goeben
Present When Capture
Was Effected.

(International News Service.)
London, May 6.—The Russian Black
sea fleet has been captured intact, it
was officially announced in Constanti-
nople, according to a news agency dis-
patch received here today.
The dispatch quoted the Turkish
statement as saying further that the
former German cruiser Goeben was at
Sebastopol, where the capture was ef-
fected.
According to the Clowes naval
analyst the Russian Black sea fleet
consisted approximately of ten battle-
cruisers, four cruisers, over forty de-
stroyers, torpedo boats and submarines,
two gun boats and other small craft.
The Russian fleet was in that harbor
when it took flight as the Germans
approached the city going to Sebastopol
in Crimea. During the turbulent days
after the Bolsheviks assumed control
of the Russian government, a mutiny
broke out on the black sea fleet and it
was seized by bolshevik sympathiz-
ers. There was a terrible massacre of
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